Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether there are classifications as "Christian Pulaya" and "Hindu Pulaya" among the Depressed classes?

Mr. President: There is no such class as "Christian Pulaya" at all.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: പുലയർ ക്രസ്ത്യാനികളായതു് അവരുടെ രക്ഷക്കു വേണ്ടിയാണു്.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* That is spiritual salvation.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: ഗവൺമെന്റിനു് അവരെ രക്ഷിക്കണമെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ക്രസ്ത്യാനികളായാലും അവർക്കു മുമ്പു കൊടുത്തിരുന്ന കൺസഷൻസു കൊടുത്തുകൂടേ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: പുലയ ജാതിയിൽ നിന്നു മാറാത്ത പക്ഷം അവർക്കു കൺസഷൻസു കൊടുത്തുകൊള്ളാമെന്നു ഗവൺമെന്റു സമ്മതിക്കണമെന്നാണോ പറയുന്നതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: ക്രസ്ത്യാനികളായതു് അവരുടെ രക്ഷക്കു വേണ്ടിയാണു്. അവർക്കു മുമ്പു ഗവൺമെന്റിൽ നിന്നും ഹിന്ദുക്കളെന്ന നിലയിൽ കൊടുത്തിരുന്ന കൺസഷൻസു് എന്തിനു് എടുത്തുകളയുവാൻ വന്നാണു ഞാൻ ചോദിക്കുന്നതു്.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* The point raised by Mr. Ayyappan is this. A Pulaya, as soon as he is converted to any other religion, does not get himself much elevated, but still remains in the same position at least for some time. Therefore, he must be given some time to get himself elevated, so far as this matter is concerned.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The social disability under which he was suffering has been removed to a very great extent, the moment he becomes a Christian or a Mohamadan. It is only when he remains a Hindu that the stigma of his low birth is being made to feel.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* It is only removed to a certain extent. Why not you help him to remove it completely? I mean the degradation is removed only to a certain extent by the conversion.

D. C. PUPILS—SUPPLY OF SCHOOL REQUISITES

127. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what were the arrangements made for the supply of school requisites for the depressed class pupils in the educational year 1114 to 1115;

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(*b*) who was the contractor who supplied the school requisites ;

(*c*) whether the indents were subjected to any check from the Office of the Protector of the Depressed Classes ;

(*d*) when were the last 10 indents checked and forwarded back to the schools in 1115 ; the date of returning those indents and the names of schools to which they were sent may be given ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The supply was let on contract. The contractor was to supply articles as per passed indents from the following centres.—

Cochin-Kanayannur	..	Ernakulam Town
Cranganur	..	Cranganur Town
Mukundapuram	..	Irinjalakkuda Town
Trichur	..	Trichur Town
Talappalli	..	Kunnamkulam and Vadakkancheri
Chittur	..	Chittur and Nemmara

(*b*) Mr. Emmatty L. Pavu, High Road, Trichur.

(*c*) Yes. The indents were scrutinised from the Office of the Protector of the Depressed Classes according to the list of minimum school requisites.

(*d*)

Name of school	*Date of receipt of indent*	*Date of return*
1. R.M.S., Arattupuzha	6—4—1115	8—4—1115
2. M.S., Karicode	7—4—1115	8—4—1115
3. D.D.S., Chendamangalam	7—4—1115	8—4—1115
4. C.M.S.S., Mankuthy	11—4—1115	15—4—1115
5. H.S., Peringottukara	16—4—1115	27—4—1115
6. L.S.S., Veliyanad	18—4—1115	19—4—1115
7. H.N.S., Enkakad	25—4—1115	25—4—1115
8. N.S., Desamangalam	15—5—1115	19—5—1115
9. St. Peter's High School, Kumbalanghi	25—5—1115	27—5—1115
10. S.V.V.S., Enkakad	2—6—1115	4—6—1115

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128. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the supply of school requisites and clothes for the current academic year to the depressed classes pupils of Cochin Schools is over by this time;

(*b*) whether the Government are supplying them direct or through contractors;

(*c*) if direct, the names of firms or persons from whom materials were purchased and the amounts for which purchase was made from each firm or person;

(*d*) if the supply is through contractors, the names of contractors who were entrusted with the supply and the price paid or to be paid to each contractor for articles so far supplied during the current academic year?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) School requisites are supplied through contractors. Since there is time for the supply of cloths, the medium of supply is not yet decided.

(*c*) No answer necessary in view of answer to (*b*).

(*d*) Messrs. V. Sundara Ayyar & Sons, Trichur, are the contractors for the supply of books and school requisites. The probable expenditure under supply of school requisites will be Rs. 16,000 which will have to be paid only in 1116.

The expenditure under cloth supply for the academic year 1115—16 for 2 supplies together will come to about Rs. 10,000, which also has to be incurred next year only.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is seen from answer to question 127 (*d*) that the indents were passed only towards the middle of the second term of the academic year. Am I to take it that the Depressed class students in those institutions were studying without the necessary books during the period?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think, most probably, you are right in your interpretation. How all these happened I want to find out. Generally indents are sent by the schools very late and as soon as they are received here, they are checked and promptly returned without delay. The various schools are sending these indents. Some of these schools delay sending

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these indents and I think, your interpretation that the books are not received by the boys early enough is correct. I will consider this point.

Mr. President : I think, they did not get the books until the last term?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* The indents are scrutinised only in Makaram as seen from the answer. That is after Christmas.

Mr. President : Yes. After Christmas the third term commences.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I will go into this question.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Sir, I would like to explain the position with regard to this matter. In the olden days, these indents used to pass through my office and that used to cause delay, and as soon as I had nothing more to do with the Depressed classes, orders were issued that indents were to be consolidated and sent directly to the Protector's Office. What was happening even since then is this. The indents will be going forward and backward several times for want of details. Sometimes applications are received very late. In some cases they may have to be forwarded to the Protector's Office and three or four months will be wasted in passing the indents backwards and forwards—I do not know whether these were the causes for the delay in the specific cases—I mean these are the general causes for the delay in sending and getting passed these indents. Finally, they are received for sanction probably very late. They are usually submitted as soon as admissions are completed.

Mr. President: So, when they were going to your office, students must have got the books the next year *(Laughter)*!

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I want also to bring to the notice of this House that there are nearly 200 schools of which there might have been delay in the case of these 10 schools.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I want to know when the last 10 indents were passed?

Mr. President : I think you have to prescribe a time-limit within which the schools should send their indents.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Our difficulty is, Sir, the school-masters do not send their indents in time.

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Mr. President: Those school-masters should be sacked. *(Laughter).*

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Very often these Depressed classes come for admission very late. Sometimes they send petitions to me asking for exemption. It is only after all the admissions are over that the teachers can prepare the indents and so also some delay is caused.

Exhaustive reminders are sent in this behalf as soon as the admissions are over. Every step is taken to avoid delay. This is what is happening.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* There should be a rule that the indents should be submitted as soon as the admissions are over.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Will the Government be pleased to note that this year also books have not been supplied so far?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are the Depressed class pupils who fail once in one class disentitled to scholarships?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* That is, only if they fail for two years in one class.

Mr. President: They are allowed one year for the supply of books. *(Laughter)*

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the supply of school requisites for the academic year was let on contract after calling for tenders?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, after calling for tenders.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* This question was raised last year and the Minister then promised to look into this matter.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is slight improvement this year. *(Laughter).* The difficulty is, the school-masters are not under our control.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* But, are they not under Government?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Many of them are in grant-in-aid schools also.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)* : Such schools are under the Government. Government give them grants. If they do not submit the indents in time, they should be taken to task.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Action is sometimes taken.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Government can stop the grant, if they fail to do as ordered.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Action had been taken in some cases suspending grants.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know what is the difficulty in getting all these books within one month after the schools are opened?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Directions were given to the contractors that the books must be supplied within one month. But what can they do, if the schools delay the indents.

Mr. President: As a matter of fact, there must be Depressed class students every year in the schools, and based upon the number in the previous years, I think, we can arrive at the approximate number of books required for the subsequent year, and basing on this approximate number, the indents should be prepared. Then books can be supplied on the very day the boy is admitted.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I shall do so.

DEPRESSED CLASS COLONIES—INQUIRY REGARDING WORKING OF

129. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any enquiry with regard to the working of the depressed classes colonies was made in 1115 by any officer, or committee appointed by the Government;

(*b*) if so, the officer or members of the committee who undertook such enquiry;

(*c*) whether any report has been submitted to the Government after enquiry;

(*d*) if answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House a copy of the report;

(*e*) whether the Government have passed any orders on the report?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Yes.

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